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The Purpose Of A Chamber Of Commerce

by J. Franklin Vaughan

During the year of 1966 some interested citizens gathered with members of the Nelson County Chamber of Commerce and under their leadership organized a Chamber of Commerce for Appomattox County. These people were interested in making Appomattox County a better place to live, work and play.

Today we have forty five paid members of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce. The membership is made up of businesses and individuals throughout the County. Our Chamber cannot be any strong er than its membership. We can do anything we want to do as a Chamber as long as the Business people of Appomattox County give it their support.

As present Chamber President, I see so many things that our Chamber could do in addition to printing and distributing brochures on Historical Appomattox which we now do. One thing I would love to see done is to provide some night entertainment for our tourist during the heavy tourist season so as to keep them in Appomattox overnight. I am thinking about an outdoor drama of the events that took place before, during and maybe after the signing of the peace treaty. Other historical places throughout the nation have these dramas and in my judgement of all places to have one would be Appomattox because this is where our Nation Reunited. I believe we could get help from the Fine Arts Departments of the several colleges in the Lynchburg and Farmville area in making this possible.

We should promote an annual day for special events such as a Joe Sweeney Day with a banjo contest and special sales promoted by our merchants throughout that day. Joe Sweeney was the inventor of the five string banjo and his birthplace was marked last year by a marker as a project of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce.

Our Chamber should look toward ways to fulfill its purpose in advancing the commercial, industrial, agricultural and civic interest of Appomattox County and its trade area. We can and will move in this direction with the support of every business and interested individuals in our County.

I would like to see our Chamber to begin thinking toward the not too far future in establishing an office with part time paid secretarial help. Our Chamber now answers a huge quanity of mail each week and for the next few months this correspondence will become greater. At present we have a very capable and dedicated Secretary, Mrs. June Chenault, and believe me she does a superb job. The first two weeks in January she answered eighty eight letters. Many people write for various reasons, school children write for information about Appomattox for term papers, interested tourist write for brochures and other information stating that they are planning a varation in this area and want to visit Appomattox, some people write for information on Appomattox stating that they are considering moving to Appomattox and want to know of available real estate for sale, etc.

Appomattox County is growing very fast and our Chamber needs to grow also in its efforts but we need the support in finances, ideas and actual work from interested businesses and individuals. If you or your business are not already members of the Appomattox County Chamber of Commerce, now is the time for you to take out your membership. Contact any officer or board member and I'm sure they would be most happy to sign you up as a member.

The Paster Speaks

"My Father Does Not Sell His Grapes", Rom 6:23

Once there was a little girl whose mother was very sick and the doctor said she would die if she did not have nourishment. The kind of nourishment he prescribed was the juice of fresh grapes. This little girl was very poor but she began at once to plan in some way to get the grapes. She had saved but a few cents in all her life and this she tearfully took and started out to find the grapes.

How dismayed and distressed she was when she found the only grapes to be found anywhere were in the Kings vineyard and the vineyard was surrounded by a big stone wall and a stern cross guard at the gate. Her love for her mother was so true that she approached the gate of the Kings vineyard, only to be pushed back by the guard who said, "get away."

Said she, "Mother is very sick please sir the doctor says she will die if she does not have some grapes."

"You can't have any grapes here, away with you", said the guard. Poor little girl what did she do. She sat down beside the road and cried. She could think only of her dear mother.

While she was crying, along came a fine looking young fellow on a beautiful horse. He saw the little girl and said, "Little girl what is the matter?" She told him all about it. Said he, "Come right in and get all the grapes that you can carry." "Oh no," she said, "the man at the gate won't let me at the Kings vineyard."

Said he, "I am the Kings son", and he took her by the hand and led her past the guard at the gate. When she had all the grapes she could hold she went to the son to give him the pennies that she had saved.

"What is this for?" said he. "To pay for the grapes", said the little girl.

The Kings son said, "Little girl I want you to know that my father does not sell his grapes. – he gives them away."

Do you know why I have told this story? Because this little girl is like many, who when they want Salvation think they can buy it. They would make merchandise of God's Mercy and Grace. But Christ says, "My Father does not sell his salvation, he gives it away." Now let us search the Bible and see what it says about this.

"We cannot buy salvation with silver and gold", I Pet. 1:18. "It is a gift which comes from God", Romans 6:23. "We cannot work for Salvation", Rom. 4:5. "Believe and live", John 3:15.

Earnie W. Lucas: Pastor
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Editor's Mailbox

Buckingham, Va.
January 22, 1973

The Editor
TIMES-VIRGINIAN
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir,

On Saturday, January 20th shortly after noon I was driving on Rt. 24 approximately 3 miles east of old Appomattox C.H. entrance. A boy and girl were riding their bicycles on the opposite side of the highway. I began to apply my brakes when I saw the bicycles even though the boy on my side was riding completely off the highway. As I got closer to the boy, he, for some reason turned his bicycle directly into the highway and in the path of my car. Very fortunately I did not hit him, but I feel we came very close to a terrible accident.

I do not know who these young people were, but I hope they read your newspaper. I would like to express my concern for their safety while riding their bicycles. I hope in the future they will ride more carefully and somewhere else than along a busy highway.

Yours sincerely,
Irene D. Ellis

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● To assist the efforts of Christian congregations and organizations in becoming more effective redemptive

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for January 28, 1973

Personal Accountability Before God

Scripture: Ezekiel 18

Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. Ezekiel 18:27

Human nature remains the same; the people in Ezekiel's day, two and one-half millenia ago, were similar to people today. In a time of national catastrophe, the people of Judah were excusing themselves of blame for their plight, saying to one another, "The fathers have eaten the sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." It is a practice as old as the race: Adam blamed "the woman thou gavest to be with me."

All the tribulation the people left in the land of Judah and those who had been taken away into exile were experiencing was befalling them because of the wickedness of their fathers. The contemporaries of Zedekiah, the puppet prince in Jerusalem, and Jehoiachin, who had been deposed and taken prisoner to Babylon, were sweet, innocent people who were suffering terribly because their fathers had been bad people. At least that seems to be the way they saw themselves and applied the popular adage.

Those who felt this way could quote Scripture (misinterpreting it, to be sure) to justify their viewpoint. Did not the Second Commandment, which forbade making and worshipping idols, say that God would visit "the iniquity of the fathers upon children to the third and fourth generation ..."? And was this not repeated in the Commandments as Deuteronomy reiterated them? Also, God's covenant was with the entire people of Israel. The destruction which would attend breaking the covenant would be brought upon the people by the entire body, the people of Israel as a whole.

To both Ezekiel and Jeremiah came the revelation that the adage, "The fathers have eaten the sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge," was no longer applicable to the covenant people of Israel. Rather, each person stands in individual re...onship to God. In considerable detail, Ezekiel reports the revelation, which may be summarized to declare that the person who obeys and observes God's commandments will live and the person who disobeys and disregards them will die. The son's salvation or punishment depends upon what he does, not upon what his father does; that father's salvation or punishment depends upon what he does, not upon what his son does.

Ezekiel's contemporaries were not justified in excusing themselves from blame for the plight of Judah, although the seeds of destruction had been sown and the plants cultivated earlier. They, too, shared the responsibility for the grim harvest they were reaping.

A comparable attitude to that among the people of ancient Judah, which the prophets rebuked, is widespread today. The person who does evil blames his wrongdoing on what his parents or his siblings or his neighbors or society or all four but has not done or to for him. In blaming others, he excuses himself from responsibility for his conduct. Such a person makes the plea, "Why should I be punished for conduct for which someone else, not I, is responsible?"

The word of God which came to Ezekiel makes it plain that each person is responsible for what he does. Each person is accountable – to use a term rarely heard now in the religious world but is incorporated in the topic of this week's International Sunday School lesson – to God. He may choose whether to live a godly or an ungodly life, but he is accountable for his choice and therefore responsible for the consequences which come from that choice. Ezekiel's emphasis on personal accountability before God is a timely message for today.

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Miss Brenda Ferguson

Who's Who In FBLA

She brought cookies for the ...s given for new members ...teachers and has assisted ... business department in ...ing report cards. She wrote ... report of Longwood ...shop for the paper and ...sted the girls who worked ...the fair booth. She sold ... at Kings and in the ...munity and has contribut... to the Thanksgiving and ...stmas baskets. She accom...ied the group to Martin ...olridge Rest Home to distribute Christmas baskets. ...mong the meetings attend... are: workshop at Long ... summer planning meet... and all club meetings this ...r.

She is very active on the ...gram committee with pro... planning for all of the ...tings. She also serves on ... promotion committee and ...chairman of the publicity ...mittee and is now serving ...Vice-President of our club. ...o's Who in FBLA for the ...ch of January is Brenda ...guson.

She is the daughter of Mr. ... Mrs. Carl N. Ferguson of ...e 1, Appomattox, Virginia.

Wreck Island

...rs. Rose Burnett was ...ess to the Wreck Island ...mission Homemaker's Club ...n it met in her home on ...nesday January 17th at ...p.m. There were eleven ...bers present and one ...or.

...Devotions were led by Mrs. ...die Carson with a reading ...er "A Plan For Your Life". ...wer by Helen Stratton. ...s. V. A. Staten president, ...ded at the business ...ting.

...letter from Mrs. Becky ...son was read with dates of ...est to members.

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FBLA Met January 17th

On January 17, 1973 in the high school auditorium, the Future Business Leaders of America met.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Kay Honeycutt. The Chaplain, Penny Martin read the devotion's for the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were given by Secretary, Donna Stanley. The minutes were approved and the roll was called. Jewel Williams, Treasurer, reported on the balance on hand in the treasury.

The "Who's Who in FBLA" committee report was given by Brenda Morris. This month's outstanding member is Brenda Ferguson, the Chapter's Vice-President. Miriam Ferris reported on the progress that the Parliementary Law Team is making.

The FBLA National Project is "Project Help". To help with the war against birth defects we are selling trash bags January 22-28.

The President turned the meeting over to Brenda Ferguson, Vice-President. The GGA officers were introduced. They gave a program on Parlimentary Procedures.

After the program time was allowed for questions. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully,
Amanda Francis, Reporter

Oakville 4-H Club

The Oakville 4-H Community Club met Jan. 8, 1973 at Oakville School. The Happy Hushers 4-H Club joined the Oakville Club. We decided that each member of the club would pay $1.00 at the next meeting for the yearly fee. Our meeting was entitled "The Proper Procedure", We discussed the following things, the chair, minutes, motion, second the motion, amend a motion, call for question and obtain the floor. R.L. Harris lead us in some games of twister. Mrs. Doris Martin served refreshments. The meeting was adjourned.

Berneta Moore, Reporter

Clipped Wings Chapter Will Meet Saturday

The Central Virginia Chapter of Clipped Wings is holding its annual "Pot Luck" luncheon on Saturday, January 27th, at the home of Mrs. Homer Richards in Charlottesville, Va.

The national president has designated the month of January 1973 as Membership Month. Any former United Air Lines Stewardess or Capital Airlines hostess is cordially invited to attend as a guest of the Central Virginia Chapter.

Clipped Wings is national in scope with 36 chapters in the continental United States and Hawaii. It is made up of a select group of ex-stewardesses and hostesses who are interested in helping retarded children.

For reservations please call Mrs. John L. Wilson.

Miss Nadine Robinson

FHA Girl of the Month

At the January meeting of the Appomattox Chapter Future Homemakers of America, Nadine Robinson was announced as the Girl of the Month.

Nadine is a very active member of the club on the State, Federation, and Chapter level.

She is now serving as the State Reporter and as chairman of State Newsletter Committee.

Nadine received third place award for the "Make it with Wool Contest".

Nadine took part on the first program of the Chapter, she assisted in preparation of the fair booth, attended Federation Rally, and attended the skating party. She installed officers at the Intermediate School, and wrote an article on F. H. A. for the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN.**

On the State level she attended officers executive meetings, attended National Convention and served as a voting delegate.

Nadine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Robinson, of Appomattox.

We are proud to have such an active member in, not only our Chapter, but our State.

Elon Church To Observe Baptist Men's Day

Baptist Men's Day will be observed at Elon Baptist Church on Sunday, January 28, 1973. The day will begin with the Men's Breakfast which will start at 8:00 a.m. T. C. Ligon, Jim Inge, Bernard Richardson, and Frank Gilliam will be in charge of preparing the meal.

The entire eleven o'clock worship service will be conducted by the men of the church. J. M. Cobb, R. E. McClenny, Jr. and W. C. Dudley will speak on the responsibilities of Christian men in the home, the community and the church. Other men who will be leading the service will be Frank W. Gilliam, R. S. Harris, William Hix, Jimmy Rosser, and John Hix.

There will be a period of special recognition for men who are newly elected deacons as well as expressed appreciation for men who actively support the church programs. Special music will be presented by the Men's Choir and the Youth classes will be responsible for ushering and taking the collection.

Baptist Men's Day, formerly Laymen's Day, has become a tradition in the life of Baptist Men. The observance had its beginning in 1932.

A special invitation is extended to friends and visitors in the community to have in the Elon Church worship on Men's Day at Elon.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by discouraging the rich. You cannot establish security on borrowed money. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

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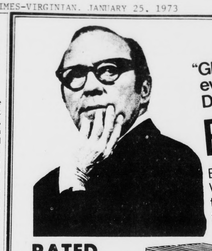

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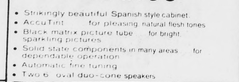

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